

MR. SELPH SEEMS IN DEAD EARNEST

City Committee to Take Up His
Contest at Special Meeting
To-night.

MAY GET INTO THE COURTS

Contestant Declares He Will Con-
tinue Fight if Necessary.
Chairman Talks.

"I have about thirty-three genuine affidavits, sworn to before a notary public, by voters of the First precinct of Jefferson Ward, who declare in this positive way that they voted for me in that precinct on April 24th.

"I expect to secure a few more to-morrow, and I shall present them in person to the committee to-morrow night.

"I found a number of reputable, qualified voters who said they would vote for me, but who preferred not to give affidavits. They said, however, if necessary, they would go into court and swear that they did so vote.

"I believe I secured enough votes in First Jefferson to elect me, and upon the testimony I have, I shall go before the City Committee with my case.

"If it shall become necessary, I expect to inform the grand jury as to what I know, and thus get the matter into the courts.

"In making my fight mainly because I believe in honest elections, and the people are behind me. I can hardly go more than a square where I am known, that without being greeted, and wished success in my efforts.

Chairman Says a Word.
Thus spoke Mr. John A. Selph last night, concerning his contest for a seat in the Council from Jefferson Ward, and his refusal to accept nomination in both this manner and utterances. The matter will come up in the City Democratic Committee to-night, and the session will likely be a protracted one.

In speaking of the subject yesterday, Chairman James B. Doherty said he was sure the committee would weigh every side of the question carefully, and that there would be no disposition to shut anyone off on technicalities.

"I have always been in favor of honest elections," he went on, "and if Mr. Selph, on any one occasion, demonstrate to me that fraud has probably been committed, I shall get behind him and fight for a full and thorough investigation.

"I think I know enough about the members of the body to say that this is their feeling as well."

Many Will Attend.

A large attendance of members is anticipated, as the case has excited widespread interest, both in and out of the committee.

The trunk containing the ballots will be taken out of the Virginia Trust Company vault this afternoon and taken to Murphy's and guarded until the meeting convenes. If Mr. Selph's evidence should appear sufficient to warrant a reopening, the ballots may be counted to-night.

Chairman Doherty says it will require but a little while to dispose of the matter if it is come into, as only one precinct is involved.

HIGH SCHOOL AT CHESTER

Superintendent Eggleston is Much
Encouraged With Prospects.

Superintendent of Public Instruction Joseph D. Eggleston, Jr., has returned from a visit to the high school at Chester, where he conferred with the school authorities on the subject of high schools and other matters relating to the subject of public education. He is greatly pleased with the results, and believes that application will shortly be made for a new high school at Chester, under the recent law which provides for the establishment of high schools in the State to be divided between the local and State authorities.

Mr. Eggleston also understands that the State Board of Education has decided to establish a high school at Matineau district over a high school, and that application may be made for one there.

Three New Charters.

The State Corporation Commission yesterday granted the following charters: The Samuel Parker Company (Incorporated), Norfolk. Sam Parker, president; Francis C. Ely, secretary and treasurer. Capital, \$25,000. Objects: A general real estate business.

Confederate Crosses.
Mrs. N. V. Randolph, president of the Daughters of the Confederacy, announces that the crosses of honor will be presented to Confederate soldiers within her jurisdiction on June 24. It is necessary that all veterans entitled to these crosses should send in their army record book not later than Tuesday, May 22. The papers should be addressed to Mrs. Randolph, No. 611 East Franklin Street.

Squire Angle Improved.

'Squire Myer Angle, of Henric county, was confined to his bed last night with a distressing attack of acute indigestion. He was unable to appear at the courthouse, but is expected to get out this morning to attend in a large number of cases that have accumulated in the last day or so.

BECOMING A MOTHER

Is an ordeal which all women approach with indescribable fear, for nothing compares with the pain and horror of child-birth. The thought of the suffering and danger in store for her, robs the expectant mother of all pleasant anticipations of the coming event, and casts over her a shadow of gloom which cannot be shaken off. Thousands of women have found that the use of Mother's Friend during pregnancy robs confinement of all pain and danger, and insures safety to life of mother and child. This scientific liniment is a god-send to all women at the time of their most critical trial. Not only does Mother's Friend carry women safely through the perils of child-birth, but its use gently prepares the system for the coming event, prevents "morning sickness," and other discomforts of this period.

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STOLE IN CHURCH; SIX MONTHS IN JAIL

Bessie Gibson Took Beautiful Hat
From Monumental Episcopal
Church.

"Please don't tell against me. I am a woman, and don't want to go to jail. I was drunk when I went to church and stole the hat and parcel."

Between sobs that the court did not believe to be sincere, Bessie Gibson, a white woman, known to the police of both Richmond and Manchester, thus pleaded her own case in Police Court yesterday morning.

She was charged specifically with having stolen a costly hat and a parcel from Miss Rita Hutchinson, a member of the choir of Monumental Episcopal Church.

The theft was committed from the choir room of the house of God. Shortly before services ended last Sunday, Bessie Gibson, tottering under the influence of alcoholic beverages, stole silently from the congregation and slipped into the room where the members of the choir leave their hats and wraps.

With a feverish jerk she tore her old and faded hat from her head and stepping in front of the mirror adjusted the handsome and costly hat belonging to Miss Hutchinson. And with a faded and dilapidated dress she walked out of the church, her head adorned by a beautiful creation that Bessie Gibson had seen, but had never before had the pleasure of wearing.

In her hand she carried the splendid parcel. Perhaps in this moment of exquisite happiness she forgot the fact that she, committing a crime, forgot that she had heard a sermon that day, and failed to remember that it was in the house of God that she had committed petit larceny.

Detective Whipple, to whom the theft was reported, went to work immediately on the case. The first thing he learned was that the thief was a woman. This was established beyond a peradventure of a doubt by the discovery of an old and faded hat in the choir room. Bessie Gibson had not deigned to take her old hat with her.

And this old hat brought the woman to the cell in the police station Monday night and caused her to be sent to jail for six months, the minimum term.

Justice Crutcher heard the evidence in the case and, then, listened to the appeal of the woman charged with the offense.

All through the testimony the prisoner was begging leniency. She pleaded in every way to check the flow of evidence that was being given.

"It's no use, Bessie," said Justice Crutcher. "You are a hard one, and deserve no sympathy. Only a short time ago you were released from the Manchester jail, where you served twelve months for blackmailing good people."

I hate to sentence any white woman, but when one stoops so low as to steal in a church, I have no sympathy or compassion. I sentence you to the full extent of the law—six months in jail. If I could give you more I would do so."

Had the true nature of the prisoner asserted itself, and with a dirt she walked back to the pen. Inside of the barred enclosure she laughed and talked with her fellow companions, with not a thought of her term in jail. Hardened to the worst side of life, her conscience smothered until it no longer troubled her, she could look the sentence in the face—woman that she is—and never shed a tear, unless that tear was a hypocritical one.

But even to those who knew that the woman had before been to jail and knew that the woman had before been to jail that she was beyond hope of redemption, there lingered a faint semblance of sympathy, or of pity rather. She was a woman, frail, woman, and Virginians have not learned to turn a deaf ear to the sorrow of one of the opposite sex.

Bessie Gibson was sent to jail in Manchester about fifteen months ago. Her offense there was a most atrocious one, and was only excused by her theft from the Monumental Church. Prior to her sentence in the city on the Southside she had been before Justice Crutcher.

Whiskey appears to have been her downfall. She would drink to excess and out on the streets would be a disgrace to womanhood.

Behind the bars in the City Hall yesterday morning the degraded woman was seen by a Times-Dispatch reporter and asked for a statement.

"I have been going to Monumental Church all my life," said Bessie Gibson, "and I was drunk Sunday and liked the pretty hat and stole it. I don't know why I did it."

Norfolk People Here.

Among the callers at the State Library yesterday were Mr. George Lindsay and Hon. W. W. Old, Jr., of Norfolk.

Mrs. Walter J. Todd announces the marriage of her daughter, Lillie May, to Alonzo L. Phillips, Jr., on yesterday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, at her home on Walnut Hill, Henric county.

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This Gibson Drawing Free With Next Sunday's Times-Dispatch

This is the third in the series of nine Gibson pictures, which are being presented free to all readers of the SUNDAY TIMES-DISPATCH. Each drawing is a veritable art treasure, and a collection of the nine pictures will prove a valuable portfolio in any home. Each picture is 10x15 beautifully printed on art paper in half-tone black with a buff-tint ground work.

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"A ROCK IN THE BALTIC," by Robert Barr, the third instalment of which appears in next Sunday's Times-Dispatch (in tabloid form), is a feature that is being commended by readers of the Times-Dispatch from all over the State. A complete story every month for twelve months. \$18 worth of books absolutely free.

TWO CENT RATE BILL MAY FAIL

Able Lawyers Are of Opinion
That Legislature Cannot
Fix Rates.

Although June 15th is the date upon which the Churchman two-cent passenger rate bill is scheduled to become effective, it is the opinion of strong lawyers that it will probably fail, because of the contention which will be made that the bill provides that unless the Corporation Commission shall have fixed a new passenger rate by the time fixed for the law to become effective, all railroads in Virginia shall keep on sale at the rate of two cents per mile.

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The Travelers' Protective Association members all over Virginia, individually and through their organizations, worked hard for the bill, and it was freely endorsed from other sources while pending. The railroads offered no resistance to its passage, and the reason was heard advanced about the Capitol while it was pending that it would not stand the test of the courts.

Come Up Separately.

June 5th is the date set for the final hearing of the freight rate matter before the Corporation Commission, and the matter of passenger rates be considered at the same time. The request was not granted, because the commission has given a great deal of thought and study to the question of freight rates, and the members desire this disposed of independently.

It is a question of jurisdiction upon which the freight rate matter will finally go to the United States Supreme Court, and inasmuch as its adjudication will settle the general principle of the rate-making power of the commission, nothing but delay and confusion could be accomplished by mixing the two issues. There was another two-cent rate measure passed by the Legislature. This was in the form of a resolution, requesting the commission if in their judgment the rate-making power of the commission was not sufficient to keep the rate of two cents per mile on all the roads in the State.

Able attorneys are of opinion that neither this nor the Churchman bill will amount to more than an expression to the commission in favor of a lower rate.

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BRIEF ITEMS FROM EVERYWHERE

ALBANY.—Governor Higgins to-day granted an additional reprieve of thirty days until June 15th to Albert T. Patrick, under sentence of death for the murder of William M. Rice.

WASHINGTON.—Secretary Hitchcock has asked Congress to set aside the grant of \$,000 acres of land in New Mexico to the Pennsylvania Development Company, in which William H. (alias "Bully") Andrews is the leading spirit.

CARLEISLE, Pa.—Abram Whistler, a farmer, living near Newburg, was hauling a farm of bees to his home, when a sudden gust of wind knocked the top off the hive. The hundreds of bees thus released attacked Whistler and stung him so severely that he died shortly after.

NEW YORK.—After spending four days loaded up in an empty freight car without food or drink, Patrick Walsh, thirty years old, and Frank Edwards, nineteen years old, were found by a watchman in the yards of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad.

LONDON.—The engagement is announced of J. Austen Chamberlain, chancellor of the exchequer in the late Balfour cabinet, to Miss Mary Muriel, daughter of H. L. Dundas, of Datchet, Buckinghamshire, now chief staff officer at Gibraltar.

FRANKLIN.—Heeding the protests of many men that the leave have been unable to see the front of the governing board of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Franklin adopted a resolution calling upon the women worshiping there on Sunday to remove their hats.

NEW YORK.—District Attorney Jerome is on the track of an alleged conspiracy to defraud New York city of some \$5,000,000. A number of Manhattan lawyers are believed to have put in fraudulent claims under the prevailing rate-of-war law, and Mr. Jerome is seeking the facts necessary to secure indictments.

HIGH DEGREES IN THE MASONIC WORLD

The Men of the Scottish Rite Con-
tinue in Semi-Annual
Reunion.

The twenty-ninth semi-annual reunion of the Scottish Rite Masons of the "Valley of Richmond, Orient of Virginia," is proving to be a most enjoyable affair. The second night of the reunion found Pelican Chapter, Knights Rose Croix, No. 2, holding the fort at Masonic Temple.

The officers filling the stations were: James J. Sutton, also master; Robert S. Grump, senior warden; E. Lee Roden, junior warden; Leon Wallerstein, orator; Samuel Cohen, almoner; Charles A. Nesbitt, secretary; E. A. Barber, Jr., treasurer; Frank E. Anderson, master of ceremonies; W. J. Francis, expert; Thomas Fraser, assistant expert; Hay T. Thornton, guardian of temple; Chas. Conway, tiler; William Krause, master of refection; Jacob Reinhardt, organist.

A number of "travelers" were initiated into the mysterious of the following degrees: Fifteenth, knight of the east; sixteenth, prince of Jerusalem; seventeenth, knight of the east and west; eighteenth, knight of the east and west; eighteenth, knight of the east and west.

After the conferring of the degrees the Scottish Rites took lodge supper at the Jefferson.

Omara Council, Knights Kadish, No. 1, will have charge of the ceremonies and will confer the degrees from the nineteenth to the thirtieth, inclusive.

FALL OF SAN FRANCISCO.

Sacred Heart Bazaar Has Realistic
Moving Pictures To-night.

In spite of the many other attractions in different parts of the city last night the Sacred Heart Bazaar at the armory received its usual crowd. Music and dancing was part of the evening's program, and much merriment was prevalent.

Miss Nellie Murphy was the lucky winner of the handsome china pedestal from the booth of Mrs. L. Carter and Mrs. J. P. Black. Many sales were reported from all the booths.

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BALTIMORE.

Senator Gorman is too ill to be taken from his city residence in Washington to his country home near Laurel, Howard county. It is said that in addition to his heart the Senator's stomach is affected.

DURHAM, N. C.—Searchlights promise to prove as effective weapons in subduing the sedition of the Zulus as the British guns. The natives were awestruck. They regarded the searchlight as the eye of the Almighty and said God had turned it upon them in His anger.

LONDON.—Thousands of the unemployed marched to Hyde Park, where James Keir Hardie and George Nicol James, labor leaders, addressed meetings. The object was to show the authorities the extent of the suffering in the metropolis.

NEW YORK.—D. M. Parry, in his annual report to the National Association of Manufacturers at New York, declared "snack-raking," the practice of railroad rate legislation and field of efforts to checkmate labor unions "socialistic propositions."

PUNXSUTAWNEY, Pa.—J. M. Shuster, of Chicago, while unpinning a ball game between Punxsutawney and Oil City, Pa., interrupted the game by striking the ground with a ball bat and kicked into insensibility by Clark, the feller of the home team. Shuster in the hospital in a critical condition and Clark has been locked up by the police.

NEW YORK.—It has been decided that Laa-yer Abraham Hummel must stand trial in New York in connection with the Dodge-Morse case.

NEW YORK.—Four more important evil actions have been begun by the Mutual Life Insurance Company to recover sums probably aggregating \$1,200,000 wanted through the alleged negligence of the company's Committee on Expenditures within a period of six years.

honored this evening, and everybody must pay an admission of ten cents.

The ladies of the bazaar are very thankful to Mrs. C. Cole, who has been instrumental in getting so many liberal donations from the merchants. Friday night the winner of the ring, and Saturday night the winner of the watch and cane will be decided.

Property Transfers.

Richmond.—Frank Monthoux and wife to Sherwood V. Gregory, 2 1/2 feet on south line Park Avenue, 10 1/2 feet east Robinson Street, \$1,000.

Henry P. Beck to Anne Beck Meagher, half interest in 17-1/2 feet on north side of Bacon Street, 22 feet west of Second Street, \$5.

Maude C. and William M. Lile to James T. Sloan, 25-1/2 feet on west side of Mason Street, \$1,000.

John Allen and wife to David Strauss, 30 feet east side of Ninth Street, No. 713 North, \$1,200.

Rosa B. Moody's trustees to John H. Lynne, 30 feet on west line of Fourteenth Street, 81 feet north of Marshall Street, and 30 feet on north side of an alley, near Mason and Clay Streets, containing from Fourteenth to Fifteenth Street, \$325.

James T. Sloan to R. E. Brown, 23-1/2 feet west side of Mary Street, \$200.

Emmanuel Raab and wife to J. Fenton Taylor, 16 feet on east side of Mayo Street, \$150.

James Grant and wife to Emma B. Richards, 10 feet on north side of Louisiana Street, between Second and Third Streets, \$25.

Henry Lawrence and wife to Francis M. Collier, 30 feet on Clay Street, southeast corner of Twenty-fourth Street, \$2,000.

Frank M. Wise to Virginia H. Vaughan, 15-1/2 feet on south line of Cary Street, 10 1/2 feet west of Adams Street, \$1,000.

E. W. Gorman and wife to Christopher Smith, 30 feet on west side of Sixth Street, 75 feet north of Robinson Street, \$1,000.

J. H. Noid and wife to Lucy E. Hubank, 30 feet on south line of Main Street, 130-7-1/2 feet of Harry Street, \$200.

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GIRL WHO KILLED UNCLE ON TRIAL

Plea That the Defendant Was
Mentally Deranged Because
of Intense Excitement.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NEW YORK, May 15.—The trial of Mrs. Josephine Terranova, an Italian girl, seventeen years old, for the murder of her uncle, Gaetano Reggio, and his wife, in their home, in this city, last February, has begun before Justice Scott.

The case is one of the most extraordinary. Mrs. Terranova has confessed that she stabbed her uncle and aunt to death, but declares that she was impelled to do it by a great wrong done to her by her uncle, in which she declared he was aided by her aunt.

Killed Uncle and Aunt.

Mrs. Terranova had been taken into the home of her uncle, a well-to-do baker, as a sort of ward, and repaid him by doing housework. After her marriage, she asserts, Reggio hinted to her husband that her character was not spotless. Terranova demanded an explanation. She told him the story of her uncle's conduct, and Terranova, with reproaches, abandoned her at once. Several days later Mrs. Terranova went to the home of her uncle and aunt, and while pretending friendliness to her uncle, stabbed him. Her aunt defended him and was killed also.

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